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## **ON THE COVER**

This issue is dedicated to Dr. David L. Potter who began his tenure as the sixth president of Delta State University on July 1, 1999.



### **Can I Get Your Autograph?**

DSU's top 1999 graduate Mandy Lee gets an autograph from U.S. Senator Trent Lott and Dr. Wyatt signs the program of Courtney Caldwell prior to the May Commencement.

# Editor's Notes

Just when we thought 1998 had been an active year for all of us, along came 1999 and we faced the bittersweet task of retiring one president and the exciting challenge of naming a new one. Well, guess what? I think we all did a pretty good job of both. While Dr. and Mrs. Wyatt exited among multiple tributes for their 24 years of love and leadership for our university, Dr. David Potter and his wife, Pam, accepted the challenging reins of president and first lady with an enthusiastic endorsement from the DSU family.

In the midst of all the presidential activity, our office staff found time to celebrate three weddings, a graduation and the birth of a beautiful baby girl. I'll let you inquire as to who was involved in what. A few other thoughts follow:

- A special thanks to **Marynell Jacob** ('71) of Atlanta for sending the article about Keith Sandow and his volunteer efforts in Ecuador.
- **Jeanette Hubbard Quay** ('76) wrote to say that she enjoys the *Delta Currents* and "applaud the strides made in the last few years to make it a first class publication." Volunteering to help promote DSU in the Dallas area, she stated, "the education I received was first rate, and to this day, the hardest I ever worked was in Dr. Butler's Shakespeare course."
- The New Orleans area lost a special citizen in February when **Mary Meek Morrison** ('33) passed away at her Vieux Carre home. Since her arrival in 1939, she was a "driving force" in efforts to maintain the French Quarter's historic character and charm.
- **Brad Prewitt** ('90) and **Bill LaForge** ('72) stepped forward to help organize an impressive dinner tribute in Washington where Senators Cochran and Lott toasted Dr. Wyatt for his contributions to higher education over the past quarter century.
- Enjoyed a great evening at the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame induction ceremonies in Knoxville with **Lucia Harris Stewart** ('77) and **Coach Margaret Wade** ('33) being recognized.
- **Guy Ann Gasperini Scheffield**, in addition to working with the Orlando, Fla. police department, also works at the Orlando Arena and with the NBA Orlando Magic. She has been recognized on several occasions for her volunteer efforts.
- **Tim Harvey** ('80) is among the new executive management team for the Memphis-based Promus Hotel Corporation, being named executive vice president and chief information officer.
- I have had numerous calls from former athletes and supporters expressing optimism about the 1999 football team under the leadership of first year head coach **Steve Campbell** and his staff.
- Our Delta Travelers group had an opportunity to attend the "A Painter's Painter ..." exhibit at the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art in Laurel where **George Bassi** ('87) is the executive director. The exhibit definitely had a "DSU touch" as **Sammy Britt**, longtime DSU faculty member and former students **Gerald Deloach** ('71), **Richard Kelso** ('70), and **George T. Thurman** ('72) were among the featured artists.

In closing, let me congratulate and commend the 12 employees who retired this past year from Delta State University. **THANK YOU!**

## Sledge Named Senior Secretary For Development Activities



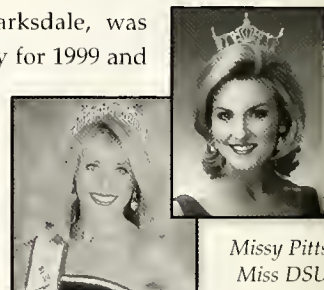
*Susan Brown Sledge*

Susan Brown Sledge has been named senior secretary for Development Activities with the DSU Alumni-Foundation Department. A graduate of West Alabama, she earned her Masters of Education Degree from Delta State in 1997.

## Miss Delta State University & Miss Mississippi USA Crowned

Missy Pitts, a junior from Clarksdale, was crowned Miss Delta State University for 1999 and represented the University in the Miss Mississippi Pageant in Vicksburg in July.

Angie Carpenter, a senior from Greenwood, was named Miss Mississippi USA for 1999.



*Missy Pitts  
Miss DSU*

*Angie Carpenter  
Miss MS USA*

## Record Number Graduate At Delta State University

A record 875 graduates received diplomas at Delta State University's 72nd commencement ceremony on May 8th.

## Many Turn Out For Wyatt Retirement Tribute



Approximately 700 alumni and friends gathered in Sillers Coliseum to "send" Dr. Wyatt out in style at the Wyatt Retirement Tribute on April 30.



# Campus News

## Thornton Honored At Retirement Celebration

*Information and most of the narrative for this article was provided by Merita Green Koll ('90) of Ruleville, MS.*



*Tammy Lee Parkes and Dr. Thornton share a moment at his retirement celebration.*

Dr. Larry Lee Thornton, retired senior professor of Psychology, was honored at a retirement celebration dinner on May 15 by family, special friends, and those former students designated as "Students for All Seasons."

Serving as master of ceremonies, Gary Walker ('72) of Tampa, FL, introduced former students who reflected upon college experiences under Thornton from the years 1968 to 1999.

Representing the 1960's, Walter Patterson ('66) of Yazoo City recalled Thornton's academic demands for "profound thought and scholarly manner." He pointed to the ability that Thornton possessed in motivating students to explore and define their beliefs and then to "put those thoughts into writing." In closing, Patterson referred to a number of students impacted by Thornton, stating, "Most of his students have gone on to be highly successful citizens, and I can't help but believe that Larry Thornton deserves some credit for this."

Reflections from the 1970's were given by Mario Ortiz ('72), currently a teacher from Greenwood Springs. He remembered Thornton as being a professor acutely aware of his students' inner needs. Being an older, married student, Ortiz sometimes felt lost and out of place to the point of giving up. He remembered Thornton approaching him after class one day and inviting him to his house for a Swiss fondue party. Acknowledging that he didn't know why a professor would invite him to his house but afraid not to accept Thornton's invitation, Ortiz and his wife attended and enjoyed an evening in the Thornton home. He said he learned two things that night; he learned what fondue was and he learned that his professor cared about him and his future.

As the voice of the 1980's, Tammy Lee Parkes ('88) of Louisville read from a composition which she had written just for the retirement occasion. As an introduction to her presentation, she stated, "Tonight as I look around this room, I see those of whom Larry Lee Thornton has served through the last four decades of his life. He has taught us the significance of keeping in touch with those you love and the importance of letting those you love know that you love them. This is evident in those of us here tonight." She remembered Thornton as being a teacher that personified the characteristics of love and one who stressed the importance of teachers knowing their students by name. Following her comments, Parkes presented Thornton the composition as a gift and added, "Dr. Thornton, never underestimate the impact that you have had on my life and on the lives of each of us here tonight."

Justin "Fish" Robinson of Cleveland, elected to serve as Delta State's SGA president for the 1999-2000 school year, represented the 1990's. He thanked Thornton for helping him to preserve his faith in God and for reinforcing his belief in himself. He acknowledged that he, like so many others, felt free to talk with Thornton about any problem.

Following the accolades of other program participants which included Arthur Johnston, III of Madison, Dr. Kenneth Urial Gutsch of Hattiesburg, Dr. Ross Story of Cleveland, Dr. Eduardo Marcello of Clinton, and his son, Matthew Alan Thornton, the honoree took the stand. In a beginning statement which summarized his philosophy toward life and teaching, Thornton referred to a quote from Emerson: "What lies before us and what lies behind us are small matters compared to what lies within us." He added that he had tried to teach his students not to dwell too much in the past nor to dwell too much on dreams of the future but to focus more on what lies within.

In his 31 years at Delta State, Thornton has taught over 10,000 students. "I can remember by name over 4,000 of these students and have had some form of contact with over 2,000 of them through meetings, phone calls, and mailings...little did I know the impact these students would make upon my life...I learned from my students that the key to human understanding is recognizing that the heart of the matter is the HEART."

## Watson Named Dean Of Student Development

Steve Hughes Watson was named Dean of Student Development at Delta State University effective July 1, 1999. A licensed professional counselor, he comes to DSU from Jackson where he was director of Outpatient and Alternative Services for Charter Behavioral Health Systems of Mississippi and had a private practice, Life Change Counseling Center. From 1990 to 1994 Watson served as Assistant Dean of Students at Millsaps College and an adjunct faculty member with the Department of Psychology and Counseling at Mississippi College.



*Steve Watson*

A 1986 graduate of Mississippi College, Watson holds a Master of Professional Counseling from Mississippi College and is a candidate for the Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education/Educational Psychology from Mississippi State University.

## DSU Professor Awarded Grant

Dorothy Sample Shawhan, a noted author and publisher, has been awarded a \$5,000 Literary Arts grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission. The grant is to be used to complete work on a biography of the late Judge Lucy Somerville Howorth on which Shawhan and Martha Swain of Starkville are collaborating.

"A major focus of my writing has always been women's lives, both historical and fictional," Shawhan said. "When I returned to Mississippi in 1981, I began research into the lives of Mississippi women, particularly those of 'Judge Lucy' Somerville Howorth and her network."

Shawhan added, "I was fortunate to become acquainted with Mrs. Howorth through the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and to begin visits and interviews with her that lasted until her death in 1997."

Named 1997 *Woman of Achievement* by the Mississippi Division of the AAUW, Shawhan serves as chair of the Languages and Literature Division at Delta State University.

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- **Cindy Miller** has accepted the position of DSU Credit Union Manager. She comes to Delta State from the Duo Fast Credit Union where she was assistant manager for the past six years.
- **Ben L. Mitchell**, who has been at Delta State since 1976 and served as chair of the Division of Computer Information Systems and Office Administration, was appointed vice president for finance and administration at Mississippi University for Women.
- **Dick Myers**, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, was a panel participant and presented a paper entitled *Another Look at Strategic Planning* at the annual Alabama-Louisiana-Mississippi meeting for the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences in Baton Rouge.
- **Sandy Rakes**, professor of Elementary Education, had an article, written with fellow colleagues, *Allocation of Time in Reading*, accepted for publication in *Reading Horizons*.
- **Katheryn L. Riffle**, professor of Nursing, presented a paper, *A Legacy of Caring: Southern African-American Adult Children Caregivers*, at the International Sigma Theta Tau Conference at the University of Utrecht, the Netherlands.
- **Dorothy Shawhan**, chair and professor of English, presented a session entitled "Lizzie": *Women's History to Women's Fiction* at the Women's Studies Conference at Middle Tennessee State University. Shawhan's novel *Lizzie* was published in 1995 by Longstreet Press.
- **Paul Starkey**, associate professor of Management and member of the Division of Management and Marketing since 1996, earned his Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi.
- **James Tomek**, professor of French, had an article, *Matisse and Baudelaire: Poems and Paintings in Prose*, published in the *Mississippi Researcher*. It is an interdisciplinary study on reading poetry through the eyes of a painter, and vice versa. He was also invited to read a paper at the Florida State University Annual Conference on Literature and Film.
- **Charles Wagoner**, assistant professor of Economics, was an invited participant on a panel focusing on the use of technology in the classroom to enhance instruction at the 1999 Southwest Social Sciences Conference in San Antonio. He also presented a paper, *The Mississippi Riverboat Gamer: A Descriptive Analysis*, co-written with **Steven Moss**.
- **Alicia Williams-Evans**, professor in the Nurse Practitioner Program, and **Gwendolyn Williams**, director of Long Term Care at Bolivar Medical Center and a DSU graduate student, presented a research paper entitled *The Lived Experiences of Adult Female Victims of Child Abuse* at Sigma Theta Tau's International Meeting in London, England.
- **Kent Wyatt**, DSU president emeritus, was the recipient of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration's highest honor. He was given the Herman Glazier Award in recognition of being the society's State Administrator of the Year.

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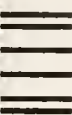
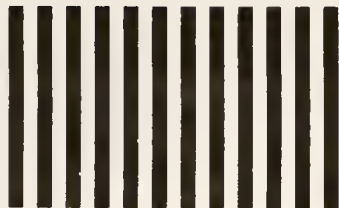
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Gore, Governor Jim Hunt and three North Carolina Congressmen.

For more than three decades, Hyde has been recognized for her work with various civic, academic and charitable organizations. Prior to her appointment as Ambassador, she was a well-known fund-raiser on behalf of children, the arts, and academic institutions. She has been named Distinguished Woman of the Year by the State of North Carolina, awarded the Public Service Award by the YWCA, named Distinguished Alumnus, 1995, by Wake Forest University, and 1998 Citizen of the World by the International Visitors Council.

Ambassador Hyde was appointed by President Clinton in 1994 to serve as the U.S. Ambassador to Barbados and several countries in the Eastern Caribbean. She returned to the United States and DSU campus in 1995 to deliver the commencement address for Delta State's graduation ceremony.

During her four years as Ambassador she addressed drug smuggling, money laundering and trade issues affecting American companies such as Bacardi and Chiquita. She was instrumental in lining up support for U.S. military intervention in Haiti and spent three years negotiating treaties that would allow U.S. Coast Guard vessels to enter the territorial waters of Caribbean countries in pursuit of drug dealers.

Retiring as Ambassador in 1998, Hyde remains active in the civic and political arena. She is the chair of the U.S. State Department initiative involving the Organization of American States (OAS) - 33 elected governments of the Western Hemisphere - dealing with the issue of promoting entrepreneurship among young people and she is a board member for the North Carolina Bid Committee seeking to secure the 2007 Pan American Games.

Mrs. Hyde currently resides in Raleigh, North Carolina with her husband, semi-retired insurance executive Wallace Hyde.

## vice Awards Recipients



Jon Levingston



Darnell Scott

has

announced that the following are to be recognized with service awards at the Association's Homecoming Luncheon on Oct. 9 on the Delta State campus.

Selected as the recipient for the *Hugh Ellis Walker Service Award*, presented annually to an alumnus, is **Mickey Robinson** ('85) of Cleveland. Mickey, owner of Robinson Furniture, is the past president of the DSU National Alumni Association.

**Jon Levingston** of Clarksdale has been named to receive the Gladys Castle "Friend of Delta State" Service Award, presented annually to a non-alumnus. Jon Levingston, owner of Levingston Furniture Co. in Clarksdale and Cleveland, is serving his second term as a member of the DSU Foundation Board of Directors.

The recipient of the *Kent Wyatt Young Alumnus Service Award* is **Darnell Scott** ('85) of Tupelo. Darnell, an Allstate agent in Tupelo, is a former member of the DSU Alumni Association Board of Directors.

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- ☐ Young Alumni Club (Classes of 1989-99) .... \$25 per year (3 years)

☒ Please mark your desired membership level. Thank you!



# Alumni News

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## 1999 OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

### *Ambassador Jeanette W. Hyde*



*Jeanette W. Hyde*

Ambassador Jeanette W. Hyde of Raleigh, North Carolina is the University's Outstanding Alumnus of 1999, and she will be honored at homecoming festivities on the Delta State campus on October 9th.

Born in Hamptonville, North Carolina, Hyde attended Wake Forest University before attending and earning a B.S. degree in English from Delta State in 1962. Following graduation she lived on the island of Crete, Greece, where she taught school while studying Greek at the University of Maryland, Crete.

Upon returning to the United States, Ambassador Hyde settled in Fayetteville, North Carolina, where she began working as a social worker with juvenile delinquent, neglect and abuse cases. Following this work experience she returned to graduate school for studies in counseling at the University of North Carolina and North Carolina State University. She worked with the North Carolina Administration of the Courts as a family counselor before entering business for herself.

In the early 1970's, Hyde opened and operated retail business establishments and entered into business ventures, including the national restaurant chains of the Golden Corral Corporation. In 1987 she joined with business associates to found a community bank, Triangle Bank & Trust of Raleigh.

Coming from a politically active family, Ambassador Hyde has spent most of her life actively involved in Democratic state and national politics and played a major role in campaigns of President Clinton, Vice President

Gore, Governor Jim Hunt and three North Carolina Congressmen.

For more than three decades, Hyde has been recognized for her work with various civic, academic and charitable organizations. Prior to her appointment as Ambassador, she was a well-known fund-raiser on behalf of children, the arts, and academic institutions. She has been named Distinguished Woman of the Year by the State of North Carolina, awarded the Public Service Award by the YWCA, named Distinguished Alumnus, 1995, by Wake Forest University, and 1998 Citizen of the World by the International Visitors Council.

Ambassador Hyde was appointed by President Clinton in 1994 to serve as the U.S. Ambassador to Barbados and several countries in the Eastern Caribbean. She returned to the United States and DSU campus in 1995 to deliver the commencement address for Delta State's graduation ceremony.

During her four years as Ambassador she addressed drug smuggling, money laundering and trade issues affecting American companies such as Bacardi and Chiquita. She was instrumental in lining up support for U.S. military intervention in Haiti and spent three years negotiating treaties that would allow U.S. Coast Guard vessels to enter the territorial waters of Caribbean countries in pursuit of drug dealers.

Retiring as Ambassador in 1998, Hyde remains active in the civic and political arena. She is the chair of the U.S. State Department initiative involving the Organization of American States (OAS) - 33 elected governments of the Western Hemisphere - dealing with the issue of promoting entrepreneurship among young people and she is a board member for the North Carolina Bid Committee seeking to secure the 2007 Pan American Games.

Mrs. Hyde currently resides in Raleigh, North Carolina with her husband, semi-retired insurance executive Wallace Hyde.

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## 1999 Alumni Service Awards Recipients



*Mickey Robinson*



*Jon Levingston*



*Darnell Scott*

Dr. Jim Avery, president of the DSU Alumni Association, has announced that the following are to be recognized with service awards at the Association's Homecoming Luncheon on Oct. 9 on the Delta State campus.

Selected as the recipient for the *Hugh Ellis Walker Service Award*, presented annually to an alumnus, is **Mickey Robinson** ('85) of Cleveland. Mickey, owner of Robinson Furniture, is the past president of the DSU National Alumni Association.

**Jon Levingston** of Clarksdale has been named to receive the *Gladys Castle "Friend of Delta State" Service Award*, presented annually to a non-alumnus. Jon Levingston, owner of Levingston Furniture Co. in Clarksdale and Cleveland, is serving his second term as a member of the DSU Foundation Board of Directors.

The recipient of the *Kent Wyatt Young Alumnus Service Award* is **Darnell Scott** ('85) of Tupelo. Darnell, an Allstate agent in Tupelo, is a former member of the DSU Alumni Association Board of Directors.

# Alumni News

## WWII Veteran Still "Serving"

*A special thanks to Marianna Riley of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch for use of excerpts from an earlier article.*



Doris Latta

Doris J. Sisson Latta ('40) enlisted in the Navy in 1942 and retired a major in the Army two decades later. Today she is the commander of the St. Louis Service Women's Post 404 of the American Legion and she is looking forward to its 12th annual tribute to women on Nov. 22.

"Women in the military have always volunteered, and our post is the only women's post in the state (Missouri), one of the few in the country; it was chartered in 1945," she said.

In 1945, Latta was still in Hawaii, after extending her original tour there several times, often to take promotions. She spent much of World War II in Hawaii where military personnel, especially women, were needed to help process

the many service personnel returning from the South Pacific.

Latta remembers, as a very young girl in Indianola, MS, how she wished she was a boy so she could grow up and join the Navy. She also remembers that when she read that the Navy was taking women, she hurried to the nearest recruiting center. When first turned down by the local recruiter, she returned to her position of teaching english, business courses and physical education. But soon she would try again, this time traveling the 400-plus miles to New Orleans. She was called to active duty on Oct. 3, 1942. "It was the best time of my life," she recalls.

In 1952, to take advantage of a promotion being offered by the Army, Latta switched from the WAVES to the WACS (Women's Army Corps). Immediately, she went from the rank of chief petty officer to first lieutenant, serving as commanding officer of a company in Fort Lee, VA, then on to duty in France and Germany.

Following her military career, she moved to St. Louis where she began a second career teaching and eventually counseling in community colleges. She would retire from a counseling career in 1988 but continues with her many activities, including veteran's association (WAVES & WACS) activities and her American Legion Post. In recognition of her volunteer efforts she was recently named "Legionnaire of the Year" for the St. Louis area.

To a true veteran we offer a salute and congratulations on a job well done!

## Barefoot Named Outstanding Nursing Alumnus

William Chadwick (Chad) Barefoot, a 1994 graduate and former SGA member at Delta State, has been named the Outstanding Nursing Alumnus for 1999. Following graduation from DSU, he received a MSN from the University of Pennsylvania as an Adult Critical Care Nurse Practitioner in 1998. He also received a Management Specialty degree from the Wharton School Business School.

Achieving board certification as an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Barefoot has been a clinical skills lab instructor and a guest lecturer for the Adult Tertiary Nurse Practitioner Program at the University of Pennsylvania. He is currently employed with Abington Pulmonary and Critical Care Associates, Ltd. in Philadelphia, Pa.

## Taylor To Head SBDC

Robert A. Taylor, Jr. has been named director of the DSU Small Business Development Center. A 1981 graduate of Northwest Community College, he received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Marketing from Delta State in 1983.



Robert Taylor

Taylor comes to Delta State following a business career which has included professional responsibilities in management, marketing, and instruction on the Personal Financial Planning process as well as providing consultant services for Industrial and Small Business Training. From 1985 to 1998 he served as administrative vice president of Taylor's Air Conditioning and Heating, Inc., a family-owned business in Cleveland, MS.

## Cole Joins Tax Group

Louis P. Cole, a specialist in the area of multi-state taxation, has joined the Atlanta office of Deloitte & Touche as a partner in the national Creative Tax Services Group. This group provides proactive strategies which help companies reduce costs and enhance profitability.



Louis P. Cole

Cole, a Certified Public Accountant, is responsible for developing and implementing strategic multistate tax planning for a wide range of industries. He transferred to Atlanta from the firm's Nashville office where he had been appointed to the position of partner in 1998.

A native of Clarksdale, Cole received his Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting from Delta State in 1986.



## Virginia Terry White Retires

Two individuals who impacted the Delta region since their days together at Delta State have retired within four months of each other. Dr. Kent Wyatt retired on June 31, 1999, after serving for twenty-four years as the president of Delta State University. His classmate, Virginia Terry White retired on March 31, 1999, from Staplcoth in Greenwood after twenty-three years of service. Staplcoth is the oldest cotton cooperative in the United States.

Virginia quickly moved up the corporate ladder at Staplcoth and in 1984 she was named Vice-President, Communications. Her publication, *StaplReview*, has earned awards from the Mississippi Delta Advertising Federation.

Virginia's involvement in the cotton industry has led her to serve on the committees of the National, Mississippi and Louisiana Councils of Farmer Cooperatives. She has served on the Executive Board of Delta Council and is past president of the Delta Cotton Wives, an organization that encourages the wearing of cotton fabric. She is past-president of the Greenwood-Lefflore Chamber of Commerce and has been active on the board of directors of Beacon Harbor, a group home for the physically and mentally handicapped. Virginia was selected in 1998 by Eckerd Drugs as one of one hundred women to be commended for her volunteerism.

Prior to joining Staplcoth, Virginia worked as a schoolteacher in the Greenwood public schools for five years and with Delta Electric Power Association for nine years.



Virginia Terry White

## DSU Grad Heads Exxon Research



Ronald Chance

Dr. Ronald R. Chance ('70) of Annandale, N.J. is Senior Staff Advisor, Corporate Research, for the Exxon Corporation. Chance, who grew up in Crenshaw, MS and married Judy Smith of Coldwater, has been with Exxon since 1986 when he accepted the position of director of the Polymers and Fluids Laboratory. He and his staff of 60 worked on physics and chemistry of polymers, surfactant, and complex fluids. In 1989 he became division manager of Paramins Technology, heading a group of 130 scientists working on polymer additives for lubricants and fuels. His current position, which he assumed in 1996, is in Corporate Research where he is science advisor for major patent litigation and directs a group of 20 scientists in membrane science. He has authored 150 technical papers and has given more than 80 invited lectures on polymer science.

Dr. Chance holds 15 U.S. patents and sits on advisory boards for science and engineering departments at Purdue University, MIT, and the University of Southern Mississippi. In 1998, he was elected as a Fellow in the American Physical Society, an honor given to only a few American scientists. Preparation for his career began at Northwest Mississippi Community College where Chance received his A.S. in chemistry in 1968. He then earned his B.S. in chemistry from Delta State in 1970 and his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Dartmouth College in 1974.

## Alumni Chapter News

1999

- April 13** Members of the **Golden Circle** attended Honors Day and honored Dr. and Mrs. Wyatt with a luncheon where Dr. Wyatt led the induction service for new members.
- April 15** The **DSU Travel Group** made a day trip to Memphis to see Miss Saigon at the Orpheum Theatre.
- April 20** Members of the DSU coaching staff and representatives of the Commercial Aviation Department provided the program for alumni from the **Dallas/Fort Worth Area** at their annual meeting.
- April 30** Approximately 700 alumni and friends attended a **Retirement Tribute** at the Sillers Coliseum to honor Dr. and Mrs. Wyatt upon their retiring after 24 years as President and First Lady.
- May 6** The **DSU Travel Group** enjoyed a trip to New Orleans where they attended Sunset Boulevard at the Saenger Theatre.
- May 27** The **Southwest Alumni Chapter** met at the home of Chris and Jodi Kelley in Natchez.
- July 12** The **DSU Travel Group** embarked upon a four-day trip to Branson, Missouri where they enjoyed sightseeing, shopping and shows.
- July 15** Alumni from the **Greater Jackson Area** joined DSU representatives at the Ethnic Center of the Mississippi Agricultural Museum for their annual meeting with Dr. David Potter as the featured speaker.
- July 22** DSU representatives joined **Claiborne County** alumni for golf and a dinner meeting in Port Gibson.
- Aug. 3** The **DSU Travel Group** went to Laurel to view "A Painter's Painter" exhibit at the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art. The artists included Sammy Britt, Gerald Deloach, Richard Kelso and George Thurman.
- Aug. 12** The **South Central Alumni Chapter** met at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson.
- Aug. 17** Alumni from the **Golden Triangle Chapter** and **Greater Columbus Chapter** had a joint meeting at the home of Bryce Griffis in Starkville.
- Aug. 19** Alumni from **Tate County** gathered in Senatobia for their annual meeting.
- Aug. 26** The **Memphis Area Chapter** scheduled their annual get-together at the Hard Rock Cafe.
- Sept. 2** Alumni and friends scheduled their **Coahoma County Chapter** meeting at Hobsons.
- Sept. 11** The **Alumni Association** will sponsor **Pig Pickin '99** at Shumate Park.
- Sept. 16** The **North Central Chapter** plans to meet in Oxford at Cobbs.
- Sept. 23** The **S.E. Mississippi Alumni Chapter** is scheduled for Hattiesburg.
- Sept. 28** **Panola County** alumni plan to meet at the home of Mike Martin.
- Sept. 30** **Sunflower Chapter** will meet at the Indianola Country Club.
- Oct. 8-9** The **1999 Homecoming** activities will be held on-campus in conjunction with **Octoberfest** activities which are sponsored by the **Cleveland-Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce**.
- Oct. 11-17** The **DSU Travelers** have planned a scenic trip along the coasts of Georgia and South Carolina.
- Oct. 23** Alumni from the **West Georgia Area** plan a Tailgate Reunion prior to the DSU-West Georgia football game.

# Homecoming & Octoberfest



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AND OCTOBERFEST  
CELEBRATION.

## DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

### Friday, October 8, 1999

**10:30 am**  
DSU Foundation Board Meeting - Walker  
Alumni House  
**3:00 pm**  
DSU Alumni Assn. Board Meeting - Walker  
Alumni House  
**5:00 pm**  
Class of 1949 Reunion - Cleveland Country Club  
**5:30 - 6:30 pm**  
Class of 1969 Reunion, Hawkins House  
**7:00 pm**  
Class of 1959 Reunion - TBA  
**7:00 - 11:00 pm**  
Street Dance Downtown with the Krackerjacks

### Saturday, October 9, 1999

**8:30 am**  
Accounting Alumni Breakfast - Nowell Sunset  
Room  
**9:00 - 11:30 am**  
Alumni Registration  
Refreshments for Classes of '39,'49,'59,'69,'79,'89  
on 2nd Floor of H.L. Nowell Union  
**9:00 am**  
Athletic Alumni Board Meeting - Nowell Union  
**10:00 am**  
Black Alumni Assn. Reunion  
**10:30 am**  
Athletic Alumni General Meeting - H.L. Nowell  
Union

**10:00 am - 12:00 Noon**  
Art Exhibit "Abstraction at Work: Drawings by  
Valerie Jaudon, 1973-1999" - Wright Art Building  
**10:00 am - 12 Noon**  
Aviation Department Open House - DSU Airport  
Bologna Performing Arts Center Open House  
Capps Archives & Museum Open House  
**11:00 am**  
Pep Rally with DSU Cheerleaders & Band  
in front of Nowell Union  
**12:00 Noon**  
DSU Alumni Homecoming Luncheon recogniz-  
ing 1999 Outstanding Alumnus Ambassador  
Jeanette Hyde & Service Award Recipients -  
Nowell State Room  
**1:30 pm**  
Bus Tour of Campus - Front of Nowell Union  
**2:00 pm**  
Class of 1939 Reunion - Walker Alumni House  
Class of 1949 Reunion - Walker Alumni House  
**3:00 pm**  
DSU Football vs Henderson State - Parker Field  
**6:00 pm**  
Class of 1979 Reunion - Walker Alumni House  
Class of 1989 Tailgating Party - Shumate Park  
(All Welcome)  
**7:00 pm**  
Class of 1959 Reunion - Nowell Union, 2nd Floor  
Class of 1969 Reunion - Nowell Union, 2nd Floor

## 17TH ANNUAL OCTOBERFEST SCHEDULE

### Friday, October 8, 1999

**5:00-11:00 pm**  
Children's Activities, Concessions Available  
**6:00 pm**  
"Ceremonial Lighting of the Grill"  
**6:00-7:30 pm**  
Sponsor's Dinner-Sponsor's Tent  
**7:00 - 11:00 pm**  
Street Dance Featuring the KRACKERJACKS  
"The Party Band of the South"  
**7:00 pm**  
"Anything But" Judging  
**9:00 pm**  
Hawg Callin' Contest  
"Anything But" Winner Announcement

### Saturday, October 9, 1999

**9:00 am**  
Arts & Crafts Show  
**9:00 am - 6:00 pm**  
Custom Car Show - Commerce Blvd.  
(Registration beginning at 8:00 am)  
**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
ENTERTAINMENT - Main Stage  
**10:00 - 10:30 am**  
First Baptist Church Men's Quartet  
**10:30 am - 12:30 pm**  
DSU RENAISSANCE CONCERT  
**1:30 pm**  
Announcement of Children's Contest  
Winners & "Kissing of the Pig"  
**2:00 - 2:45 pm**  
Magic Show  
**2:45 pm**  
Announcement of Car Show Winners  
**3:00 - 6:00 pm**  
Y-NOT CONCERT

### BARBEQUE CONTEST SCHEDULE

**10:45 am**  
Whole Hog Judging  
**12:00 Noon**  
Shoulder Judging  
**1:15 pm**  
Ribs Judging  
**2:30 pm**  
Patio Porkers Judging  
**6:00 pm**  
Announcement of Barbeque &  
Grand Champion Winners



# Philanthropy

## \$10.1 Million And Counting

At a press conference held on June 29, 1999, Ned Mitchell, president of the DSU Foundation, announced that **The Campaign for Delta State** had raised a total of \$10,113,331.24 in gifts and pledges. "I am happy to report that this total more than doubles the original Campaign goal of \$5 million and also surpasses our challenge goal of \$10 million," said Mitchell.

Responding to the announcement Dr. Kent Wyatt stated, "This is an exciting day for everyone associated with Delta State University. To have doubled our five-year goal six months before the closing date of the Campaign is truly remarkable. This accomplishment gives me great faith and confidence in the future of Delta State and exhibits the love and loyalty our supporters have for the University."

Dr. Don Skelton, executive director of Alumni and Foundation spoke to the commitment of the leadership for the Campaign and thanked all who had participated in "making this accomplishment possible." He added that each gift, no matter the size, has a tremendous impact upon the life of the University, its faculty and its students.

In closing Mitchell stated, "As the University enters the final months of **The Campaign for Delta State**, we challenge all alumni and friends of the University to consider participating as we continue to 'raise the bar' for private support."



Dr. Kent Wyatt (right) points out to Ned Mitchell, Foundation Board President, **The Campaign for Delta State's** \$10.1 million total in gifts and pledges.



Use the enclosed return envelope to make your gift to **The Campaign for Delta State..**

## Entergy Mississippi Continues Its Support Of Faculty Development

Entergy has been an active supporter of Delta State University since their first gift in 1964. In 1997 the company made a \$100,000 pledge to **The Kent & Janice Wyatt Faculty Development Fund**, which supports professional growth opportunities for DSU faculty.

Professors utilize **The Kent & Janice Wyatt Faculty Development Fund** to access the latest skills, knowledge and technologies appropriate to their discipline by attending seminars and workshops and bringing top scholars to the campus.

Thanks in part to the Entergy grant, faculty development funds have increased 133% over the past four years.

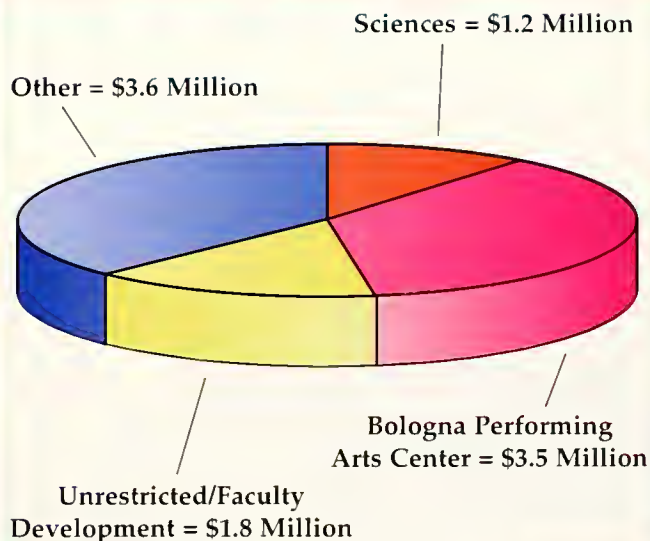
**The Kent & Janice Wyatt Faculty Development Fund**, named in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Wyatt, is administered by a committee, chaired by Dr. John Thornell, Dean of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education, and having faculty representation from each of the colleges and schools. The committee has the responsibility to review all proposals and evaluate them based on established criteria which requires a direct link to improvement of classroom instruction and benefit to Delta State students.



Dr. Potter (right) accepts a \$20,000 gift from Don Arnold, Entergy Customer Service Manager for the Cleveland area.

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## Campaign Gifts by Designated Areas



# Philanthropy

## The Richardson Family Establishes Science Teaching Award

Dr. Travis Richardson, his wife, Loree, daughters, Dr. Brenda Richardson Safley and Cynthia Ann Richardson Eads, and son, Dr. Daniel Q. Richardson, have established The Richardson Family Award for Excellence in Science Teaching with an initial gift of \$130,000. The award is established in honor of all former faculty members who have been instrumental in the lives of the Richardson family and is to recognize an outstanding science faculty member or members annually. Travis, a family practice doctor in Drew, and Loree are 1956 graduates of Delta State, Brenda, an anesthesiologist in Gulfport, is a 1973 graduate, and Daniel, a 1981 graduate, is a plastic surgeon in Gulfport. Cynthia, a 1998 graduate, is a nurse practitioner in Grenada.



*Dr. and Mrs. Richardson (right) were recently hosted at a luncheon in their honor by President Emeritus Kent Wyatt and wife, Janice. The Wyatts and Richardsons were classmates at Delta State. The 1999-2000 recipients of the inaugural award are Dr. Henry Outlaw, Dr. Wayne Walley and Dr. Milton Bradley.*

## Vera E. Smith & Gladys Smith Gilmore Establish Memorial Scholarship



*Dr. David Potter is shown with Gladys Smith Gilmore (left) and Vera E. Smith (right) at the Jackson Area Alumni meeting in July.*

Vera E. Smith, Class of 1945, and Gladys Smith Gilmore, Class of 1942, have established a scholarship in the School of Education in memory of their parents, Hugh Cam and Mattie Reeves Smith, Sr., formerly of Shaw.

The \$20,000 endowed scholarship will benefit a needy and deserving student majoring in education.

The scholarship memorializes their parents whose goal was to get all four of their children through college. This goal was realized as all four of their children graduated from Delta State.

Hugh Cam Smith, Sr. died unexpectedly at the age of 47 in 1946. He lived to see three of his children graduate from Delta State -- Hugh C. Smith, Jr., Class of 1942, (deceased), Gladys Smith Gilmore, Class of 1942, and Vera E. Smith, Class of 1945. The youngest son, W.R. "Billy" Smith, graduated in 1948 after returning from WWII. Mattie Reeves Smith died in 1979.

Contributions to this scholarship or to other existing scholarships may be mailed to P.O. Box 3141, DSU, Cleveland, MS 38733. To establish a scholarship, please contact the Delta State University Development Office at (662) 846-4708.

## William F. Buckley, Jr. To Speak At DSU October 28th



*William F. Buckley, Jr.*

The Livingston Distinguished Speakers Series hosts the inaugural address on October 28, 1999, with noted conservative William F. Buckley, Jr. Mr. Buckley will speak in the Bologna Performing Arts Center's Delta and Pine Land Theater.

Buckley is considered one of the most recognized and articulate voices for American conservatives. He is the author of God and Man at Yale, and Nearer My God: Autobiography of Faith, founder of *The National Review*, and host of the Emmy award-winning show "Firing Line."

Established by Jon and Bruce Livingston and named in honor of their family's longtime commitment to Delta State, the series will bring a leading public figure to the campus each year to speak and interact with the University and Delta communities.

For more information on tickets, call 1-800-468-6378, ext. 6.



# A New Era

## David L. Potter, President Delta State University



**O**n July 1, 1999 Dr. David L. Potter began his tenure as the sixth president of Delta State University. Potter previously served as provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

"I am honored to be at Delta State and having been given this opportunity," said Potter. "Delta State has a beautiful campus and there is a spirit of friendliness and community that is very attractive and one which we look forward to

being a part of. All together, I know that we can make this institution even greater than it is today, and make it a national landmark for higher education. That's what our



*An overflow crowd of alumni, students and friends turn out to welcome Dr. Potter to the DSU "family."*

goal is."

Dr. Kent Wyatt, who retired after 24 years as DSU's president, said that Potter "is a perfect fit" for Delta State. "He and his wife, Pam, bring a working team to Delta State, and that's what our faculty, staff and students were looking for. I am very pleased."

Dr. Potter holds the Ph.D. and M.A. degrees from The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, and the B.A. (cum laude) in History from Amherst College. Prior to being named as provost of George Mason, he served the university as Vice President and Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences (1991-1996), Interim Dean (1991-92), and Vice President for Executive Affairs (1987-1991).

Raised in a working class suburb of Wilmington, Delaware, Potter had the good fortune of attending an affluent high school which prepared him for college. In addition to his academic pursuits, he participated in football and bas-

ketball and remains a fan of athletics today. Upon his arrival in Cleveland, one of the first people Potter sought out was former DSU coach and Boston Red Sox pitcher Dave "Boo" Ferriss. "We had a great visit talking about baseball and the great student-athletes and teams we have had," said Ferriss. "I feel he will be a great representative for Delta State."

In many ways Potter feels he is coming home. His wife, Pam Mathews, was born in Hattiesburg and grew up in Vicksburg and Jackson. Her 91-year mother still lives in Jackson. The Potters have two daughters, Holly, who has just graduated from Colorado College and Elizabeth, who graduated from law school at UCLA and is an associate with a large law firm in Los Angeles.

Since his arrival Potter has wasted little time in getting acquainted with the DSU family and supporters and promoting the university as a major player in helping guide the Delta's economy for the future. "A major challenge is to build the work force," said Potter. "We must strengthen K-12 through higher education."

Among the DSU students who are convinced that the State College Board made an excellent selection is SGA Vice President Paul "Bubba" Mancini. "Dr. Potter has already exhibited an open-door policy and will do everything he can for the university," said Mancini.

"This is an exciting opportunity for higher education, to imagine how we can prepare students to live and work and be effective citizens in a knowledge-based and global economy," says Potter. "I think this is what we should be about—and this in effect is the national challenge for all of us."



*Tom Layzell, IHL Commissioner, (right) looks on as Dr. Potter and his wife Pam join the forces of "The Fighting Okra."*

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*Dr. Jimmy Avery, President  
DSU National Alumni Assn.*

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Mollie Bedwell ('28), (center), received the very first degree issued in 1928 at then Delta State Teachers College. Her sister, Anne Bedwell Brashier ('42), (left), of Conroe, TX, and brother, Kline Bedwell, of Cleveland recently visited with Mollie in Harrisonburg, VA.



Alinda Sledge (left), Associate Professor of Social Work, has been named the recipient of the 1999 *S.E. Kossman Outstanding Faculty Award*. Cary Sandifer (right), bus driver for all University functions, has been named the 1999 recipient of the *H.L. Nowell Outstanding Staff Award*. Alinda and Cary were both recognized at the 1999 Commencement held in May.



# Sports Update

## Statesmen Ready For GSC Title Defense

By Fred Singleton, DSU Sports Information Director



Delta State University enters its first season under head coach Steve Campbell with 12 (5 offense, 6 defense, 1 specialty) starters and 35 lettermen returning from last year's Gulf South Conference championship team. The Statesmen finished 1998 with an 8-3 overall record and an 8-1 GSC mark. The conference title and the NCAA playoff appearance were the first in school history.

On offense Josh Bright (6-4, 215, Soph.) emerged from the spring as the top quarterback in Campbell's option offensive attack with Jeff Smith (6-3, 196, Sr.) listed as the backup. Sharing the running back duties are last year's leading rusher Casey Macke (5-9, 170, Jr.), Treg Thomas (5-7, 196, Sr.) who is returning from a knee injury, Hunter Caston (5-11, 185, Sr.) and Rico McDonald (5-7, 203, Soph.). Starting receivers Willie Ducksworth (6-0, 185, Sr.) and Houston Cunningham (5-10, 170, Sr.) solidified their roles in the spring with James Grubbs (6-4, 190, Fr.) listed as the backup. The question mark for the Statesmen offense is up front where no returning starters return. Tackles Roth Hershisier (6-5, 260, Sr.) and Reed Stringer (6-5, 250, Soph.), guards Andy Horton (6-3, 275, Jr.) and Chris Booker (6-2, 281, Fr.) and center Randy Grierson (5-11, 259, Soph.) came out of the spring as the projected starters.

Defensive linemen Joey Duplan (6-6, 265, Jr.) and Jatón Jackson (6-3, 280, Jr.) return up front with Gene Barnes (6-2, 255, Jr.) and Derrick Truitt (5-10, 284, Fr.) projected as the starters coming out of spring. Pre-season All-Conference Candidate Keith Boone (6-3, 220, Sr.) and Andre Brown (6-1, 200, Soph.) anchor the linebacker position with Kareem Vance (6-1, 210, Sr.), Ricky Franklin (6-1, 215, Sr.), Johnny Mickell (6-1, 187, Sr.), Leon Willis (6-0, 176, Sr.) and Teddrick Polk (5-7, 152, Fr.) providing support from the DSU secondary.

Kicker Blake Koenigsberger (5-9, 165, Soph.) returns as the only specialty starter with competition to be provided by All-Star junior college transfers Jeff Walls (5-10, 180, Jr.) and Billy Dorgan (5-9, 185, Jr.).

The Statesmen open their ten-game 1999 campaign with a 7 P.M. Thursday night game versus Division I-AA Sam Houston at Huntsville, Texas.

## GSC Adds Two Schools

Following an extended study, Harding University (Searcy, AR) and Ouachita Baptist University (Arkadelphia, AR) have become members of the Gulf South Conference.

The addition of the two schools makes the GSC the largest NCAA Division II in the nation with 18 participating members.

"It's a good, highly competitive league and it's a natural fit geographically for us," said OBU President Andrew Westmoreland. For Harding President David Burks, the affiliation ends years of looking for the "right" conference relationship. "We are delighted to join with our colleagues in Arkansas and the rest of the GSC. This is something we really wanted."

While the scheduling for most sports should be completed in the near future, the scheduling among football-playing schools will require some creativity since there are now 12 members participating.

## Runyan Named Voice of DSU Sports

Dr. Jim Jordan, Director of Athletics, has announced that John Runyan, an employee of Delta Radio, Inc., will serve as the "voice" of Statesmen and Lady Statesmen athletics for the 1999-2000 season. A Crossett, Arkansas native and graduate of Arkansas State, he comes to Delta Radio after stints in Russellville, Little Rock and Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Runyan's first DSU broadcast will be on Sept. 2, when the Delta State football team opens the 1999 season in Huntsville, Texas at Sam Houston State University.

## Aquatics & Fitness Center Under Construction

Ground-breaking ceremonies for DSU's new Aquatic & Fitness Addition to the Forest E. Wyatt Physical Education Building was held on May 13. Funding for the \$6.2 million project was provided by the Mississippi Legislature during its 1998 and 1999 sessions.

"This facility not only will meet the needs of our students, faculty, staff and the local and area communities, but it will also allow Delta State to serve as host to major NCAA post-season swimming and diving events," said Dr. Milton Wilder, chairman of the HPER Department.

The scheduled completion date for the new center is October 2000.

## 1999 Delta State Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sept. 2	Sam Houston State	Huntsville, TX	7:00 P.M.
<b>Sept. 11 *@</b>	<b>Arkansas Tech</b>	<b>HOME</b>	7:00 P.M.
Sept. 18 *	Valdosta State	Valdosta, GA	7:00 P.M.
Sept. 25	Open Date	-----	
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<b>Oct. 9 *#</b>	<b>Henderson State</b>	<b>HOME</b>	3:00 P.M.
<b>Oct. 16 *</b>	<b>North Alabama</b>	<b>HOME</b>	1:00 P.M.
Oct. 23 *	West Georgia	Carrollton, GA	6:00 P.M.
<b>Oct. 30 *</b>	<b>Southern Arkansas</b>	<b>HOME</b>	1:00 P.M.
Nov. 6 *	Central Arkansas	Conway, AR	1:30 P.M.
<b>Nov. 11 *</b>	<b>Arkansas-Monticello</b>	<b>HOME</b>	7:00 P.M.

All game times shown as CST

\* indicates Gulf South Conference games @ indicates Pig Pickin # indicates Homecoming

# Sports Update

## Winter-Spring Sports Summary For 1999

*by Fred Singleton, DSU Sports Information Director*

**Men's Basketball** - The Statesmen finished the 1998-99 campaign with a 22-7 record and a 9-3 mark in the GSC West Division. Coach Steve Rives' squad gained momentum down the stretch that propelled the Statesmen to an unprecedented third straight GSC Tournament Final.

**Women's Basketball** - With a squad that had only two seniors, Coach Lloyd Clark's Lady Statesmen not only claimed the GSC West Division title but also won its ninth GSC Tournament Championship with a 63-59 win over eventual NCAA Division II Finalist Arkansas Tech. After an 88-69 win over Clark-Atlanta in the opening round of the NCAA South Regional, DSU fell to Fort Valley in the Semifinals to finish the 1998-99 season with a 26-5 overall record and a 12-2 GSC West Division mark.

**Baseball** - The Statesmen finished the 1999 season with a 41-12 overall record and won their fifth straight GSC West Division title with an 11-3 division mark. After finishing as the runner-up to North Alabama in the 1999 GSC Tournament Championship game, the Statesmen earned its first NCAA South Central Regional berth under current head coach Mike Kinnison.

**Women's Softball** - The Lady Statesmen posted a 31-18 overall record and a 14-6 mark in the GSC West Division under first-year head coach David Kuhn. A bid for a fourth straight GSC West Division title came up short as a scheduled doubleheader with eventual West Division winner MUW was rained out.

**Men's Tennis** - Coach Ray Bridges' squad finished the 1999 season with a 12-7 overall record, winning the GSC West Division and earning a berth in the NCAA South Region in Jacksonville, FL. DSU defeated Alabama-Huntsville in the opening round of the GSC Tournament on their way to a fourth place finish.

**Women's Tennis** - Coach Asa Atkinson's Lady Statesmen finished the season with an 11-3 overall record, winning the GSC West Division and earning a berth in the NCAA South Central Region in Pensacola, FL. DSU defeated Lincoln Memorial and MUW on its way to a third place finish in the GSC Tournament.

**Men's Golf** - Delta State capped a highly competitive season as the Statesmen shot a final round of 308 to finish tied for fourth place with Arkansas Tech at the 1999 GSC Tournament in Hot Springs, AR. Coach Sam Dunning's squad had a three-day total of 947. All-GSC Alan McAfee shot a 234 to finish 14th on the individual leader board.

**Men's & Women's Swimming and Diving** - The men and women's swimming and diving teams enjoyed another highly successful season as both teams captured the New South Intercollegiate Swim League titles with Coach Ronnie Mayers being named the NSISL Women's "Coach of the Year." For Mayers it was his second straight "Coach of the Year" honor, having earned men's "Coach of the Year" in 1998 and for the men it was their second straight league title.

## DSU Men's Athletic Teams #1 In GSC

1998-99 proved a banner year for DSU athletics as Delta State captured the Gulf South Conference Men's All-Sports Trophy for the first time in school history. The coveted trophy was presented to school officials at the Conference's annual banquet, June 18, in Point Clear, Alabama.

Recording 51 points in the competition to runner-up North Alabama (45.5), the Statesmen captured a share of their first-ever GSC Football Championship, reached the Finals of the GSC Basketball and Baseball Tournaments and finished fourth at both the Conference Golf and Tennis Championships.

West Florida repeated as the Women's All-Sport Trophy winner with the Lady Statesmen recording a fourth place finish among the conference's 13 teams.

## DSU Coaches Hall Of Fame To Induct Three

Bill Marchant, director of the Delta State Athletic Alumni Association, has announced that W.S. Donald, Richard Harris and Leland Young have been voted into the DSU Alumni Coaches Hall of Fame.

Donald coached football, basketball and track at Horn Lake (MS) and Memphis (TN) Trezevant and Wooddale High Schools from 1954-97. Harris coached basketball for 37 years at St. Martin, Hickory, Clarke College, Decatur, Newton County and Newton Academy. Young, a 31-year veteran coached football and track at Rosedale, Delta State and Bayou Academy.

Induction ceremonies will be held on September 11 at halftime of the Delta State-Arkansas Tech football game with a reception honoring the inductees prior to the game at the DSU Alumni-Foundation House.

## Thompson Moves On

DSU men's assistant Robert Thompson is the new head men's basketball coach at Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, Arkansas. Thompson, who recently named former DSU player Brad Bunch to his staff at Tech, will lead the "Wonder Boys" against the Statesmen in GSC West Division action this coming season.

## DSU Triathlon Set For September 11.

The eighth annual Swimming and Diving Triathlon, featuring a 500-yard swim, a 12-mile bicycle ride and a 3.5-mile run, is scheduled for September 11, 1999, at the Walker Natatorium on the campus of Delta State.

All entries must be received by September 8, and the registration will be limited to the first 100 entries. For more information, contact Race Director Ronnie Mayers at 846-4730 or 846-1373.



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## Long-Time Assistant Leaves Program

After spending the past eight years as the DSU women's assistant basketball coach, Bernadette McDonald is leaving to take the reins as the new women's head coach at Mississippi Delta Community College.

A former standout player at Delta State, McDonald was a part of the three national championship teams while a coach and graduate assistant at DSU. She also served as the senior women's athletic administrator and physical education instructor at Delta State.

"We're going to miss Bernadette very much," said head coach Lloyd Clark. "but she's ready to head her own program and is the type person to turn their (MDCC) program around."



*Bernadette McDonald*

## Conner Returns To DSU

DSU men's basketball coach Steve Rives is looking forward to having a familiar face on the sidelines this season as Jason Conner, A DSU graduate assistant from 1987 to 1990, returns to the Statesmen program as Rives' assistant.

Since Conner's departure he has had coaching stops at Texas-El Paso, Belhaven, Houston and South Alabama with the four-year stint at Belhaven being as head coach. "There's no question about Jason's ability as both a coach and a recruiter. He's helped turn around programs everywhere he's been," said Rives.

Conner, a native of Lakeland, Fla., holds a degree in history from Belhaven and a Master of Education from Delta State. In addition to his basketball duties, he will serve as an instructor in the HPER Department.

## DSU Student-Athlete Dies In Effort To Save Others



*John Weems*

John Weems, a senior to be at Delta State and a member of the DSU tennis team, died June 18 in a swimming accident while serving as a BSU summer missionary. Weems, 21, died after being caught in an undertow on a beach on Mexico's southern coast.

"John trying to go back and save lives speaks about the type of person he was," Delta State's Baptist Student director Bill Kilpatrick said. "He knew he needed to do that. That speaks well of his personal character and his faith in Christ."

Weems, a first-year transfer from Kilgore (TX) Community College, recently completed a most successful year at Delta State, being named to the All-Gulf South Conference first team and receiving the Most Valuable Statesman award. "John's death has had a tremendous effect

upon this community," said his coach, Ray Bridges. "He was a very popular young man who touched a lot of lives."

## DSU Baseball Adds Full-Time Assistant

Christian Ostrander, a former player and graduate assistant for the past three years, has been hired as a full-time assistant with the DSU baseball program. In announcing the addition, head baseball coach Mike Kinnison stated that Ostrander will maintain his duties as pitching coach and become more involved in the recruiting process.



*Christian Ostrander*

"I can't say how excited I am," related Ostrander. "Delta State is a special place and this is a special program. I am honored that Coach Kinnison has asked me to stay."

## 1999 DSU Sports Hall of Fame Inductees Named



Pictured are the 1999 inductees and honorees for the DSU Sports Hall of Fame. From left to right, they are: Ike Taylor, Halls, TN (football); John Crawford, Starkville (baseball); Ralph Moore, Jackson (basketball); Kyle Finney, Clarksdale (football); Willie Collins, Triangle, VA (track); Guy Barr, Monroe, LA (Distinguished Statesman); Scott Butler, Frisco, TX (football); and Harry Ballard, Macon, NC (football).

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**Robert W. Bradley** is assistant director in the Energy Programs Department at Louisiana State University.

## 1981

**Brad Cohen** was named BankPlus "Ambassador of the Month" in January by the Madison Chamber of Commerce.

**Michelle Miner** is owner of Spectrum Rehab Services in Denham Springs, La.

**Harry L. Lott Jr.** is the president of Merchant & Farmers Bank in Grenada.

## 1983

**Marcia Boyer** was named "Outstanding Teacher of the Year" for the Bay-Waveland District in Bay St. Louis.

## 1984

**Thomas Spencer** is principal of Walls Elementary School.

**Kevin Manton's** Missy Gators soccer team in Vicksburg won their third State Championship.

## 1985

**Caroline Gatling** is a music specialist teacher at Warrington Elementary in Vicksburg.

**Jeff Hurd** is strength and conditioning coach for the NFL Kansas City Chiefs.

**Paul P. Bouler Jr.** is an adjunct professor in paralegal studies at Delta State.

**Ken Casey** served as a volunteer crew member at the Daytona International Speedway.

**Charles Michell** is vice president of Information Services at Delta and Pine Land in Scott.

**Keith Sandow** was the winner of Emory University's 1998-99 Humanitarian Award. He was recently featured in the Atlanta, Ga. media for his volunteer efforts in Ecuador.

## 1986

**Marce Dilly** is an account executive with Godwin Group in Jackson.

**Joseph Ricotta** is president and CEO of the Community Bank in Indianola.

**Mahi Cossifis Chambers** is director of Staff Services for the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority.

**Louis P. Cole** is a partner in the National Creative Tax Service Group for Deloitte & Touche in Atlanta, Ga.

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**Chris L. Hutchinson** is vice president of The Bank of Mississippi in Grenada.

**Dr. Erin Roberts Cummins** is in her second year of residency in Jackson.

**Matt Plitt** is a sales representative for American Cyanamid Company in Jonesboro, Ark.

## 1997

**Gregory Paul Locke** is plant controller with Bryce Corporation in Memphis, Tenn.

**Nicole Fisher** is a production artist with K & W, Inc. in Jackson.

**Gene Barger** has successfully completed the Certified Public Accountant Examination.

**Dameon A. Shaw** is an assistant in the Support Laboratory at Innovated Systems, Inc. in St. Petersburg, Fla.

**Laurie Barfitt**, a member of the DSU Accounting Faculty, has passed the Certified Public Accountant Examination.

**Beth Smith** is a Home Economist-4H Agent in Charleston.

**Mia Fioranelli** is serving an Internship in Speech Pathology in Pensacola, Fla. to complete her M.A. Degree from Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Ga.

**Kaye Brown Higgins** is working toward a Masters Degree in Communicative Disorders at Arkansas State Univ.

**Heather Irby** received a M.A. in Marriage and Family Counseling and M.A. in Educational Ministry from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

## 1998

**Adam Otts** is territory aftermarket manager with John Deere Company in south Florida.

**Robert "Buck" Burns** is loan officer for Britton & Koonce Bank in Natchez.

**Montie Moore** is an inspector-investigator for the Mississippi Department of Health's Division of EMS.

**Sam Mangialardi** is a financial analyst at MCI WorldCom Corporate Headquarters in Clinton.

**Tawanda Logan** is a licensed social worker at early Headstart in Greenwood.

**Julie Eastburn** is a sales representative for Kraft Foods in Chicago, Illinois.

**Rachel Rawlinson** is enrolled in the Masters of Physical Therapy at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

## 1999

**Kim Giachelli** is a sales manager for Goldsmith's Department Stores in Memphis, Tenn.

**Julie Green** is a dialysis assistant with North Parkway Dialysis in Memphis, Tenn.

**Mandy Gardner** is a realtor with Century 21 in Jackson.

**Bobby Jo McCreary** was accepted for admission to the Mississippi College of Law in Jackson.

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**Jim Floyd** is an associate of the Avanti Company in south Florida.

**Beth Price** is a tax attorney with Deloitte & Touche.

## 1988

**William McNeer** is president-elect of the Mississippi Recreation and Parks Association.

**Richard Watkins** is chief financial officer with Farmers and Grain Company.

**Karen Miller Carr** is a certified rehabilitation counselor with the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation in Starkville.

**Lane Sorgen** is managing consultant for Microsoft in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Kelly Baker** is a systems engineer with Howard Industries in Laurel.

**Burns Strider** is the communications director for Congressman Ronnie Shows in Washington, D.C.

## 1989

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**John Michael "Mike" Perrett** is an officer with the Delta State Police Department.

## 1991

**Paul Morgan** is Director of Development for Athletics at the University of North Texas.

## 1992

**Kelly Causey** is head football coach at St. Martin High School in Biloxi.

**Mark Wright** has successfully completed the Certified Public Accountant Examination.

**Wade E. Ward** is vice president of the Madison Branch of BankPlus.

**Chris L. Hutchinson** is vice president of The Bank of Mississippi in Grenada.

**Dr. Erin Roberts Cummins** is in her second year of residency in Jackson.

**Dr. Mike Montesi** is in his second year of residency in Jackson.

## 1993

**Kenneth G. Verucchi** is coaching football and baseball and teaching history at Parklane Academy in McComb.

**Chase Wright** earned his Masters Degree from Millsaps and was promoted to manager of Assurance and Advisory Services at Deloitte & Touche in Jackson.

**Darry DeWayne Hardy** was named Pfizer Pharmaceutical's "Representative of the Year" in New Orleans.

**Latisha Gail Sellers** is Human Resource Trainer at Baxter Healthcare in Cleveland.

**Ben Reese** is owner of a handmade cedar chest company in Calhoun City.

**Jenny Miller** teaches science at Desoto County High School.

**Monica Fioranelli Wright** earned her Masters Degree in Nursing from University Medical Center and is a member of the School of Nursing faculty at Mississippi College in Clinton.

## 1994

**Kendall Lamar** is Art Director at Peter A. Mayer Advertising in New Orleans, La.

**Amy Tucker Barefoot** is a physical therapist for Shriner Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, Penn.

**William Chadwick Barefoot** is a certified critical care nurse practitioner in Abington, Penn.

**Damon Hogben** is director of Daily Nutrition at Martin, Martin, Randall & Associates, Inc. in Jackson.

**Greg Tolbert** is an operations manager for Sherwin Williams Company in Pensacola, Fla.

## 1995

**Stephanie Porter Verucchi** is assistant band director and music teacher at Tylertown High School.

**David Rice** is a marine ecology field instructor with MarineLab in Key Largo, Fla.

## 1996

**Alicia Stafford** was named "Teacher of the Month" at Southaven High School.

**Shannon Smillie Grimsley** is admissions counselor at Millsaps College in Jackson.

**Jeff Grimsley** is a Certified Public Account with May & Company in Vicksburg.

**Amanda Branscome** is member services coordinator with the Grenada Chamber of Commerce.

**Glenda Boswell** is community outreach representative for Miss. Medical Regional Center Home Health in Jackson.

**Matt Plitt** is a sales representative for American Cyanamid Company in Jonesboro, Ark.

## 1997

**Gregory Paul Locke** is plant controller with Bryce Corporation in Memphis, Tenn.

**Nicole Fisher** is a production artist with K & W, Inc. in Jackson.

**Gene Barger** has successfully completed the Certified Public Accountant Examination.

**Dameon A. Shaw** is an assistant in the Support Laboratory at Innovated Systems, Inc. in St. Petersburg, Fla.

**Laurie Barfitt**, a member of the DSU Accounting Faculty, has passed the Certified Public Accountant Examination.

**Beth Smith** is a Home Economist-4H Agent in Charleston.

**Mia Fioranelli** is serving an Internship in Speech Pathology in Pensacola, Fla. to complete her M.A. Degree from Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Ga.

**Kaye Brown Higgins** is working toward a Masters Degree in Communicative Disorders at Arkansas State Univ.

**Heather Irby** received a M.A. in Marriage and Family Counseling and M.A. in Educational Ministry from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

## 1998

**Adam Otts** is territory aftermarket manager with John Deere Company in south Florida.

**Robert "Buck" Burns** is loan officer for Britton & Koonce Bank in Natchez.

**Montie Moore** is an inspector-investigator for the Mississippi Department of Health's Division of EMS.

**Sam Mangialardi** is a financial analyst at MCI WorldCom Corporate Headquarters in Clinton.

**Tawanda Logan** is a licensed social worker at early Headstart in Greenwood.

**Julie Eastburn** is a sales representative for Kraft Foods in Chicago, Illinois.

**Rachel Rawlinson** is enrolled in the Masters of Physical Therapy at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

## 1999

**Kim Giachelli** is a sales manager for Goldsmith's Department Stores in Memphis, Tenn.

**Julie Green** is a dialysis assistant with North Parkway Dialysis in Memphis, Tenn.

**Mandy Gardner** is a realtor with Century 21 in Jackson.

**Bobby Jo McCreary** was accepted for admission to the Mississippi College of Law in Jackson.

# Baby Statesmen

*Note: All births in 1999 unless otherwise indicated*

Charles H. "Cole" to Mr. and Mrs. Charles "Chipper" Calhoon (Deanie Denley '86) on Oct. 28, 1998.

Stephen Michael to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Glenn Rico (Sharon Furniss '94) on Oct. 28, 1998.

Brandon Adams to Mr. and Mrs. Rob Smith (Wanda Glidewell) on June 11, 1998.

Shelby Ann to Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Baioni '90 (Lori Stanford '90) on Nov. 5, 1998.

Anna Lauren to Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Carr '87 (Karen Miller '88) on Nov. 5, 1998.

Harlan James to Mr. and Mrs. Jason Wooley (Jennifer Wood '94) on Nov. 23, 1998.

Isabella Grace to Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Barbieri '83 on Dec. 1, 1998.

Meagan Leanna to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Whatley '84 (Anna Miller '90) on Dec. 5, 1998.

Kap Van to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Don Johnson '88 on Dec. 7, 1998.

Courtlyn Noelle to Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Clanton '94 (Kristen Carpenter) on Dec. 16, 1998.

Claire Elizabeth to Mr. and Mrs. Bill English '89 (Robyn Kennedy) on Dec. 31, 1998.

McKenna Ann to Mr. and Mrs. Tripp Walker (Shawn Thomas '90) on Dec. 31, 1998.

Emileigh Ballard to Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Williams (Jackie Capocaccia '94) on Jan. 1.

Claire Elizabeth to Mr. and Mrs. James "Chip" Crenshaw '87 (Suzi Farmer '91) on Jan. 4.

Bethany Grace to Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kistemaker (Missy Hannah '88) on Jan. 26.

Sara Ashlee to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Graves '86 (Mary Margaret Pittman '88) on Jan. 26.

John Todd & Hobson Lane to Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Rutland Jr. (Vicki Ladner) on Jan. 27.

Louis III to Mr. and Mrs. Worth Steen '88 (Jamie Cox '91) on Feb. 1.

Natalie Elizabeth to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Crow (Brooks Higgins '93) on Feb. 2.

Gregory Stone Ray to Mr. and Mrs. Greg Tolbert '94 (Karen) on Feb. 9.

Jessica Elizabeth to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Parham (Denise Hill '97) on Feb. 21.

Casen Lane to Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hutchinson '92 (Valerie) on Mar. 19.

Kelly Yan Xing to Amy Weddle '94 adopted from China on Mar. 22.

Nicholas Cole to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dunn '95 (Alicia Martin '96) on Mar. 24.

Darcy Lane to Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Poe (Lura O'Neal) on Apr. 2.

Garrett Hardy to Mr. and Mrs. Tim Clarke '92 (Sharon) on Apr. 5.

Tyler Elizabeth to Mr. and Mrs. James "Krandall" McDowell '92 (Suzanne) on Apr. 25.

Talor Reed to Mr. and Mrs. Chris Little '96 (Amy Hart Depta) on May 18.

William Russell to Mr. and Mrs. Doty Farmer '92 (Vontese '93) on June 9.

Emery Grace to Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Applegate '89 (Felicia O'Neal '87) on June 10.

Anna Sledge to Mr. and Mrs. Michel Dale Tucker (Joyce Sledge '85) on June 17.

## New Life Members

*Through July 2, 1999*

Elena Barham '80  
Alan Bible '72  
Christopher & Christy Burgess '83,'82  
Andrew & Serena Clark '97,'97  
Laurin Collins '65  
Van Cooper '96  
Sara Davis '65  
Steve & Debbie Davis '74,'74  
Martha Dean '48  
Johnnie "Butch" Dear '74  
Dan & Stacy Didier '95,'98  
Stephen & Janie Douglas '83,'82  
James & Elsie Lynn Ervin '56,'73  
Dr. Robert Field '81  
Charles Harry Flowers Jr. '97  
Darry DeWayne & Allison Hardy '93,'95

Lillian Green Hayward '96  
Robie & Gayle Henshaw '93,'97  
Jerry Carolyn Hubbard '96  
Julie Jackson '96  
Rodney Jenkins '65  
Peter & Patricia Jernberg '65,'68  
Libby Carol Jones '87  
Bob & Barbara Kent '80,'79  
Carl "Trey" Labella III '97  
Howard Lewis '74  
Robert Lyles '31  
Edwina Martin '34  
William McCord '55  
James A. Newquist '78  
Michael Allen McIntyre '97  
Constance Scott Peterson '44

Donald & Sandra Pittman '75,'97  
Jessica "Tess" Kitrell Poe '89  
Beth Janette Robinson Price '87  
Bill & Charlotte Ray '55,'65  
Ken & Lynda Robinson  
Beryle & Deloris Shipley '51,'51  
Richard "Ricky" & Lynn Smither '93,'94  
Jerry Sullivan '68  
Jack Sutphen '40  
Brenda Collins Tally '88  
Jeffrey Taylor '95  
Thomas Glenn & Kathy Thompson '80,'81  
Tina Marie Thompson '79  
Betsy Whitehurst '68  
Newton Stewart Wingate '77  
Ronald Gayle Yarborough '72

### Capps Archives & Museum Fall Exhibit Schedule

**August 31, 1999 - January 20, 2000**

"Landings, Levees, and Lowlands: The Course of Life on the Riverside"

**September 6, 1999 - January 11, 2000**

"Everything Old is New Again at the Archives"  
An exhibit of recent manuscript donations

### 1999 Women's Cross-Country

#### September

3	University of Mississippi	Memphis, Tn.
11	Ouachita Baptist	Arkadelphia, Ark.
18	Southern Arkansas	Magnolia, Ark.
25	DSU Classic	Cleveland

#### October

1	Lyon College	Batesville, Ark.
9	Rhodes College	Memphis, Tenn.
23	GSC Championships	Memphis Tenn.

Hosted by Christian Brothers University



# Wedding Bells

*Note: All wedding dates are in 1999 unless otherwise indicated*

Hettie C. Elrod to **Johnny Benard Noah** '76 on December 18, 1998.

**Robbie Lynn Beall** '92 to **Elwin Curtis Walker** '94 on December 19, 1998.

**Shannon Mae Hall** '96 to **Matt Baity** '95 on January 2.

**George Anna Mohamed** '94 to **Frederick Warner Griffin** on January 23.

**Jennifer Roxanne Real** '94 to **Allen Carter Sturdivant** '98 on January 23

**Tanya Nicole Connelly** '98 to **Holmes Sherard Pettay** on January 30.

**Stephanie Leigh Branch** to **Jim Word Jr.** '95 on February 6.

**Bentley Elizabeth Spencer** to **Andy Scott Jenkinson** on February 20.

**Katherine Dawn Gamble** '97 to **William Corey Boozer** '98 on February 27.

**Jennifer Lee Scott** to **Clayton Ruthven Lamb** '96 on February 27.

**Emily Susanne Allen** '98 to **Dennis "Jason" Childree** on February 27.

**Jeanine Marie Head** '89 to **Richard Thomas Hanks** on February 27.

**Shann Wyland** '97 to **Richard Huffstutler Jr.** on March 6.

**Priscilla Marie Nix** to **Joe Ben Maynor Jr.** on March 6.

**Mechelli Renee Lollar** '94 to **Alan Jeffrey Campbell** on March 6.

**Jennifer Lynn Tompkins** '96 to **George Everett McCrory Jr.** on March 6.

**Jamie D. Tiner** '98 to **John E. Felker** '97 on March 6.

**Collette Elizabeth Lee** '97 to **Justin West McPhail** on March 12.

**Robin Kennette Livingston** '98 to **Benjamin Parrish Mitchell** '98 on March 13.

**Tanya Paige Campbell** to **Christopher Clifton McWilliams** '95 on March 20.

**Mande Ward** '96 to **Charles Miller Jr.** on March 20.

**Kimberly Dawn Linton** '98 to **Chad Allen Sipes** '98 on March 27.

**Jennifer Claire Kent** '98 to **Eddie Kevin Carnathan** '99 on March 27.

**Tawanda Logan** '98 to **Maurice Collins** on March 27.

**Nancy Quin Cranford** '93 to **Mathieu Charles Guillory** on April 10.

**Jennifer Rene Runnels** to **John David Hawkins** on April 10

**Cassandra Lkynne Derosier** '95 to **Randy Grey** on April 17.

**Amy Elizabeth Nunley** '92 to **Thomas Jackson Youngblood** on April 17.

**Leah Kay Williams** to **Joseph G. Hood** '95 on April 24.

**Christi Herrington** '93 to **Chris Fox** on April 24.

**Jamie Gail Giles** '88 to **Michael Montague Brown** on April 24.

**Leslie Flanagan** to **Ronnie Mason** on April 24.

**Kathi Lane Gentry** to **Joseph Ray Dunnam** on April 24.

**Amanda Jean Stacy** to **Jeff Smith** '95 on April 24.

**Susan Brown** '98 to **Homer Sledge III** on May 1.

**Kimberly Leigh Webb** to **Reece Gibson Lindsey** '94 on May 15.

**Jennifer Leigh Davis** to **Jayson Allan Jones** on May 15.

**Dawn Lajan Palmer** '95 to **Leslie Jamison Van Vulpen** '91 on May 15.

**Elizabeth Huff** '99 to **Stephen A. Brandon** on May 15.

**Jamie Bowers** to **Randy Smith** on May 15.

**Dora Mignon Nelson** to **Price Hidreth "Trey" Hodges** on May 15.

**Paula DeAnne Roncali** to **Henry Eugene McCaslin III** on May 19.

**Elizabeth Jane Eure** '97 to **Justin "Fish" Robinson** on May 22.

**Virginia Paige Malone** '98 to **David Justin Carter** on May 22.

**Kaye Brown Higgins** '97 to **Matthew Christian Plitt** '96 on May 22

**Malinda Susann Moore** '98 to **James Carl Duncan Jr.** on May 29.

**Katherine Faith Campbell** '91 to **James Calvin Strait II** '92 on May 29.

**Faith Freeze** '98 to **Steven Ham** '97 on May 29.

**Anne Elizabeth Verret** to **David Keith Fulcher** '83 on May 29.

**Leslie Marie Antici** to **Lewis Dubard Lipscomb Jr.** on June 5.

**Leslie Renee Clark** '99 to **Ronald Eugene Shive** on June 5.

**Sherrie Michele Edwards** to **William Warren Cox** '91 on June 5.

**Kimberly J. Fennell** '99 to **Clifton Dewitt Steed** on June 5.

**Nanda Elizabeth Reed** '98 to **Michael Duke McCrory** '98 on June 5.

**Jennifer Lynn Morehead** '95 to **Marcus Shannon King** on June 5.

**Jennifer Moyer** to **Lee Smith** '98 on June 12.

**Joanne Marie Brewer** '99 to **Charles Jonathan Brewer** on June 19.

**Angela Kay Fioranelli** to **Joseph Christopher Pieroni** '99 on June 19.

**Elizabeth Boyd Goodwin** '96 to **John Francis Aguzzi Jr.** '95 on June 26.

**Leah Gresham** '99 to **Bradley McIntosh** '97 on June 26.

**Michelle Yvette Collier** '98 to **Henry B. McClellan** on June 26.

**Kristen Elizabeth Lipscomb** '96 to **Samuel Lamar Temple** '94 on June 26.

**Amanda Sue Ervin** to **Jose Guadalupe Zuniga** on July 3.

**Jennifer Rebecca Brown** '97 to **Michael Joseph Erikson** '98 on July 10.

**Stephanie Dawn Walker** '97 to **Barry James Corley** on July 10.

**Jena Jessica Hoover** '96 to **Bryson Jeffrey Cooper** on July 17.

**Leigh Ann Bastari** to **Rusty Allen Armstrong** on July 24.

**Margaret Ruth "Meg" Nowell** to **Brian Preston Harris** on July 31.

**Kelly Blythe Crocker** to **David Nassar** on July 31.

**Jamie Margaret Holeman** to **Warren Barksdale Bell** on July 31.

**Tara Theresa Waller** '99 to **Terry Dee Wooley** on July 31.

**Millie Craig** '99 to **Bryan Smith** '99 on July 31.

**Megan Amanda Prater** to **Richard James Young** on August 7.

**Christen S. Davis** to **Jerry Lynn Toney** on August 7.

**Melanie Diane Miller** to **Jeffery Alan Gilbert** on August 7.

**Dana Lynn Kozain** to **William Robert Nettles IV** on August 7.

**Kandace Nichole Haney** to **Richard Allen Denton** '97 on August 7.

## 1999-2000 Lady Statesmen Basketball

### November

20-21 GSC Crossover Montevallo, Ala.  
(CBC, Montevallo, Ala.-Huntsville, DSU)

30 North Alabama Florence, Ala.

### December

4 Xavier University New Orleans, La.

7 Texas A&M-Commerce Cleveland

10-11 DSU Classic Cleveland  
(Lane, Ark.-Monticello, Georgia College, DSU)

18 Tougaloo College Jackson

### January

3 Tougaloo College Cleveland

7-8 MUW Tournament Columbus  
(Tuskegee, Lane College, MUW, DSU)

10 Clark-Atlanta Cleveland

13 Central Arkansas\* Conway, Ark.

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### February

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### March

2-4

Southern Arkansas\*

Henderson State\*

Ark.-Monticello\*

Arkansas Tech\*

Texas A&M-Commerce

Central Arkansas\*

Christian Brothers\*

Southern Arkansas\*

Henderson State\*

Ark.-Monticello\*

Christian Brothers\*

Arkansas Tech\*

GSC Tournament

Cleveland

Arkadelphia, Ark.

Cleveland

Russellville, Ark.

Commerce, Tx.

Cleveland

Cleveland

Magnolia, Ark.

Cleveland

Monticello, Ark.

Memphis, Tn.

Cleveland

TBA

\* GSC West Division Games

# In Memoriam

*Note: All deaths in 1999 unless otherwise indicated*

Thomas M. Brumfield '96 died December 18, 1998.  
 Willie A. Grissom '55 died December 22, 1998.  
 Elaine Bennett Reed '38 died January 3.  
 William Franklin Tate '75 died January 7.  
 Isabel H. Yarborough '36 died January 8.  
 Mildred Hayward Harmon '33 died January 11.  
 Dr. Marshall Stone Ellis '63 died January 11.  
 Dorothy Henry '57 died January 16.  
 Earlyne Lowe Haining '30 died January 22.  
 Wilbert L. Peace '75 died January 25.  
 Lucyle Outlaw Mitchim '31 died February 5.  
 William Earl Ainsworth '50 died February 17.  
 Mary Meek Morrison '33 died February 26.  
 Dr. Robert L. "Early" Shannon '41 died February 28.  
 Mary Virginia McNeal '34 died March 4.  
 Ralph R. Smith '35 died March 19.  
 Dianne Bobo Bishop '71 died March 22.  
 Margaret Love Gary '46 died March 28.  
 Suzanne AcAllister Steed '82 died March 29.  
 Vivian Mansfield Gibson '57 died March 31.  
 Frances Seaton Denton died April 3.  
 Donald "Pete" Kealhofer '37 died April 25.  
 Dr. Archie E. Lorange, Jr. '35 died May 5.  
 Billielu Sykes Davis died May 18.  
 Edna Boone Carpenter '48 died May 21.  
 Jamie O'Neal Harrison died May 21.  
 Doris Brown Collins '88 died May 27.  
 William D. Gooch '76 died June 8.  
 Louise Boykin Sigler died June 26.

## B. Hal Buchanan, Sr.

B. Hal Buchanan, Sr., 81, a former dean of education at Delta State, died of heart failure July 7 at North Miss. Medical Center in Tupelo. A Rankin County native, he was a graduate of Mississippi State. He received his master's degree from the University of Mississippi and doctorate from MSU. A World War II veteran, he was a member of Calvary Baptist Church where he was deacon and Sunday school member. He served on the Mississippi Children's Home Society Board and went on missions as an educational liaison to Thailand.

## John Charles Yurkow

John Charles Yurkow, 46, a retired CPA and Delta State instructor, died April 9 of heart failure at his home. He was a graduate of Delta State with a B.A. and an M.B.A. in accounting. A past president of the Cleveland Noon Lions Club and the DSU Booster Club, he was an avid supporter of DSU athletics. He was also a member of the board of directors for the Gibson-Yurkow Scholarship Fund and a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church.

## Rabbi Moses M. Landau

Rabbi Moses M. Landau, 92, a retired DSU professor, died of a stroke May 18 at the Leiberman Home in Stokie, Illinois. A Vienna native, he came to the U.S. in 1938. Landau served as rabbi for the Adath Israel Congregation in Cleveland from 1957 until April of 1999. In 1977 he retired from Delta State as professor of German and World Literature.

## Orville F. White, Sr.

Orville F. White, Sr., 87, a retired Delta State professor, died June 22 of heart failure at Bolivar Medical Center. He received a masters degree in English from the Univ. of Ark. and a Ph.D. from the Univ. of North Carolina. He served as head of the English Department at Ark. State Univ. prior to coming to Delta State where he headed the Languages and Literature Department for 14 years.



Former QB Mark Hudspeth ('92), (left) DSU football offensive coordinator and Robert "Tank" Rush, equipment manager at the U.S. Air Force Academy, talk over old times with "Coach" Skelton.

Rush, a 1993 graduate, was the equipment manager for the Statesmen football program during Skelton's five-year tenure as the University's head coach.

## 1999-2000 Statesmen Basketball

### November

20-21	GSC Crossover (CBC, Montevallo, Ala.-Huntsville, DSU)	Montevallo, Ala.
30	North Alabama	Florence, Ala.

### December

3-4	DSU Classic (Lane, Ark.-Monticello, Georgia College, DSU)	Cleveland
8	Georgia College	Milledgeville, Ga.
11	Arkansas Baptist	Little Rock, Ark.
18	Tougaloo College	Jackson

### January

3	Tougaloo College	Cleveland
8	Texas A&M-Commerce	Cleveland
10	Drury College	Cleveland
13	Central Arkansas*	Conway, Ark.
17	Southern Arkansas*	Cleveland
20	Arkansas Baptist	Cleveland
22	Henderson State*	Arkadelphia, Ark.
24	Ark.-Monticello*	Cleveland
29	Arkansas Tech*	Russellville, Ark.
31	Texas A&M-Commerce	Commerce, Tx.

### February

3	Central Arkansas*	Cleveland
5	Drury College	Springfield, Mo.
7	Christian Brothers*	Cleveland
12	Southern Arkansas*	Magnolia, Ark.
14	Henderson State*	Cleveland
21	Ark.-Monticello*	Monticello, Ark.
24	Christian Brothers*	Memphis, Tn.
26	Arkansas Tech*	Cleveland

### March

2-4	GSC Tournament	TBA
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\* GSC West Division Games

## ANNOUNCEMENT

To meet publishing deadlines, only information received by July 15 is contained in this issue. Two 24-page issues of Delta Currents are to be published during the 1999-2000 school year and forwarded to 20,000 alumni and friends of DSU.

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Saturday, February 12, 2000 - 7:30 p.m.

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## It's Pig Pickin Time Again!

All ages are looking forward to the September 11th Pig Pickin activities to be held at Shumate Park prior to the Statesmen's first home football game versus Arkansas Tech.

Plan to be there!



## Upcoming Events

Sept. 6	BPAC - Deana Carter Concert	Oct. 28	BPAC - William Buckley Lecture
Sept. 11	DSU Alumni Association Pig Pickin	Nov. 1	DSU Choral Concert
Sept. 14	Accounting Career Day	Nov. 4	Teacher Recruitment Day
Oct. 8	Alumni & Foundation Board Meetings	Nov. 1-4	DSU Pre-registration for Spring
Oct. 8-9	Cleveland Oktoberfest	Nov. 12	Delta Jazz Concert
Oct. 9	DSU Homecoming	Nov. 15	Renaissance Fall Campus Concert
Oct. 13	DSU Fall Career Day	Nov. 16	DSU Fall Honor's Recital
Oct. 14-16	Elliott Symposium	Dec. 3-4	Madrigal Feast